

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for treating a wound in a mammal, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% identical to the mature form of the amino acid sequence of
5 SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said protein promotes wound healing.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% identical to the mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said protein is produced by recombinant
10 methods.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence which is the mature form of the amino acid of SEQ ID NO:2.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said mammal is a human patient.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said human patient has undergone surgery
15 and said wound is a surgical wound.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said wound is a result of heart failure.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said protein is administered by intradermal injection.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said protein is administered topically.

20 10. A method for decreasing inflammation, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said protein decreases inflammation.